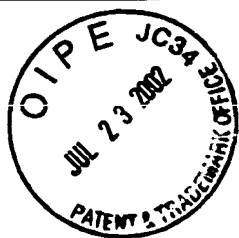


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In response to the Office Action mailed April 23, 2002 (paper number 9),
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Amendments

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please delete the paragraph at page 5, lines 8 to 17, and replace it with the
following paragraph:

Similarity analysis includes database search and alignment. Examples of public
databases include the DNA Database of Japan (DDBJ) (www-ddbj.nig.ac.jp/); Genebank
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